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TO: COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PESTICIDE SAFETY INFORMATION SERIES

Last year, the Worker Health & Safety Branch (WH&S) initiated a project to improve all of the Pesticide Safety Information Series (PSIS) leaflets. The goal of this project is to ensure the information in PSIS leaflets is understandable to farm workers and pesticide handlers. WH&S made changes to PSIS leaflets based on input from several focus and work groups, and discussions with advocates, county agricultural commissioners, and agricultural production groups. In May 2002 (WHS 02-04), we requested comments from you on three PSIS leaflets. We specifically requested you to weigh the loss in specificity against an improvement in understanding.

WH&S staff have completely revised the PSIS leaflets (A and N series) based on stakeholder comments and the work of a professional designer. The leaflets were redesigned using different graphics, the language was simplified, and every effort was made not to use technical terms that would be unfamiliar to the target audience. Most of the sections that were directed at employer compliance assistance were removed. Both A-6 and N-6 have been deleted since the information contained in these two leaflets could be found elsewhere in the respective series.

Before we finalize these leaflets, we request your review and comments of these important training and outreach documents by July 31, 2003. Due to previous difficulties in transmitting these files electronically, hard copies of the PSIS leaflets (attached) are being sent to you in the mail. Please direct any comments or questions you have to Susan McCarthy, Program Specialist from my staff at (916) 445-6387, or by e-mail at [smccarthy@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:smccarthy@cdpr.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

[original signed by C. Andrews]

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